Remedial Branch update 9-16-17 for the 9/17/17 Report

All 43 Federal Superfund NPL Sites in the affected area have been assessed. Of these, 41 sites have been cleared, and two sites (San Jacinto Pits and US Oil Recovery) require additional follow-up.

Beginning on September 6, 2017, EPA directed potentially responsible parties or independently started collecting samples at 34 Texas Superfund Sites and 9 Louisiana Superfund Sites to confirm no releases due to storm impacts. Six EPA field teams along with potentially responsible parties completed sampling at all 43 superfund sites. Teams completed sampling on September 14, 2017, in Texas and on September 15, 2017, in Louisiana. The sampling is part of a longer-term assessment that will be used to transition sites to their normal cleanup operations. Preliminary un-validated results for Texas are expected by September 16, 2017, while those for Louisiana are expected by September 18, 2017.

EPA received preliminary data for 37 sites, and has publically reported on 15. Review of preliminary data packages continues and will be reported as completed. Final Data packages are expected within two weeks.

US Oil: No truckloads being shipped today. Since the time the pump down operations began, after the hurricane landfall, a total of 64 truckloads of stormwater (approximately 320,000 gallons) have been removed from the Site and disposed at offsite permitted facility. The PRP Group will continue to monitor the lift station freeboard levels over the weekend and perform additional pumpdowns if needed.

San Jacinto: On September 15, 2017, the EPA Dive Team collected 14 sediment samples for dioxin/furan analysis from the NW cap areas where gaps in the cap were found. The samples will be analyzed for dioxins/furans with a 5 working day lab turn-around. The responsible party submitted, and EPA approved the cap repair work plan on September 15, 2017. The responsible party began maintenance work September 16, 2017.